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wines. Auction sales are also usual for land and property, antique furniture, pictures, rare books, old china and works of art. The auction rooms at Christie's and Sotheby's in London and New York are world-famous. An auction is usually advertised beforehand with full particulars of the articles to be sold and where and when they can be viewed by the buyers. If the advertisement cannot give full details, catalogues are printed, and each group of goods to be sold together, called a "lot", is usually given a number. The auctioneer need not begin with lot one and continue the numerical order. He may wait until he notices the fact that certain buyers are in the room and then produce the lots they are likely to be interested in. The auctioneer's services are paid for in the form of a percentage of the price the goods are sold for. The auctioneer therefore has a direct interest in pushing up the bidding.

35. Auctioned goods are sold_____.
A. for the highest price offered B. at fixed prices
C. at prices lower than their true value D. at prices offered by the auctioneer

36. The end of bidding is called "knocking down" because_____.
A. the auctioneer knocks on the table
B. the auctioneer names the highest bidder as the buyer of the goods
C. the goods are knocked down onto the table
D. the auctioneer bangs the table with a hammer

37. In the sentence "The Romans usually sold in this way the spoils taken in war," the word "spoils" most probably means_____.
A. useless goods B. spears
C. various kinds of food D. property taken from the enemy

38. In England a candle used to burn at auction sales_____.
A. because the auction sales took place at night
B. as a signal for the crowd to gather
C. to keep the

to limit the time when offers of prices could be made 39. An auction catalogue gives buyers _____. A. the current market values of the goods B. details of the goods to be sold C. the order in which goods are to be sold D. free admission to the auction sale

Questions 40 to 44 are based on the following passage: There are some 65 species of New World monkeys. Many of these have a very useful anatomical adaptation lacking in their old world counterparts: that curious “ fifth hand ” , the prehensile tail. And in a few species the gripping tail has developed to such an extent that it actually has “ fingerprints ” on the tip. While of course a tail is not equipped with fingers, it can sometimes be even more useful than an arm or a leg. A spider monkey ’ s tail, for instance, is longer than its head and body combined, and is frequently used instead of a hand to grasp distant objects. Other monkeys less fortunate are forced to relegate at least one limb to support while they feed, whereas monkeys endowed with prehensility can hang by their tails while they feast with both hands and feet. A few New World monkeys have also evolved arms and shoulders that are suitable for swinging hand over hand through the trees like the Asiatic gibbons.

40. The passage mainly discusses _____. A. certain evolutionary advantages of New World monkeys B. feeding habits of the spider monkey C. the development of arms and shoulders in New World monkeys D. some anatomical adaptations of Asiatic gibbons

41. The author probably believes that a monkey uses its prehensile tail especially for _____. A. running over a grassy plain B. supporting itself while eating C. swimming across a river D. defending itself against enemies

42. In the second sentence, the word " their " refers to _____. A. New World monkeys B. Old World monkeys C. spider monkeys D. Asiatic gibbons

43. It can be inferred from the passage that the Asiatic gibbons and certain New World monkeys are similar in what respect? A. The length of their tails. B. Their mating habits. C. The ability to grip with their feet. D. Their upper body structure.

44. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the information in the passage? A. Some monkeys use their hands to grasp objects. B. A spider monkey has a very long tail. C. A prehensile tail has fingers. D. Asiatic gibbons can swing through trees.

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